# MINUTES OF THE LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, July 19, 2011 – 12:30 p.m. – Room 450 State Capitol

#### **Members Present:**

President Michael G. Waddoups, Chair Respeaker Rebecca D. Lockhart, Vice Chair Respectively.

Sen. Scott K. Jenkins Sen. Patricia W. Jones Sen. Peter C. Knudson Sen. Karen W. Morgan Sen. Wayne L. Niederhauser

Sen. Ross I. Romero Rep. Brad L. Dee Rep. Gregory H. Hughes Rep. Brian S. King

Rep. Ronda Rudd Menlove

Rep. Jennifer M. Seelig Rep. Christine F. Watkins

## **Members Absent:**

Sen. Benjamin M. McAdams Rep. David Litvack

#### **Staff Present:**

Mr. Michael E. Christensen, Director Mr. John L. Fellows, General Counsel Ms. Chelsea B. Lloyd, Legislative Secretary

Note: A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

### 1. Committee Business

Chair Waddoups called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. Rep. Litvack was excused from the meeting.

**MOTION:** Sen. Knudson moved to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2011 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

### 2. Letters to Legislative Management Committee

Mr. Christensen discussed a letter from the Revenue and Taxation Interim Committee itemizing study items that are mandated by statute and the master study resolution, for the committee to study throughout the interim.

**MOTION:** Speaker Lockhart moved to approve the requests in the letter from the Revenue and Taxation Interim Committee as submitted to LMC. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Romero and Rep. Menlove absent for the vote.

Mr. Christensen discussed a request from the Workforce Services and Community and Economic Development Interim Committee to study "Generational Welfare Strategies" and "Organization Efficiencies," in addition to other items previously approved by LMC.

**MOTION:** Speaker Lockhart moved to approve the requests in the letter from the Work Force Services and Community and Economic Development Interim Committee. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Romero and Rep. Menlove absent for the vote.

Mr. Christensen discussed a letter from the Education Interim Committee outlining four additional items to be studied by the committee this interim: (1) collective bargaining, (2) collection of union dues, (3) tuition tax credits, and (4) higher education remediation.

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**MOTION:** Speaker Lockhart moved to approve the Education Interim Committee's requests. The motion passed. Sen. Jones, Sen. Morgan, Rep. King, Rep. Seelig, and Rep. Watkins voted in opposition. Rep. Menlove was absent for the vote.

Mr. Christensen discussed a letter from the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environmental Quality Appropriations Subcommittee. The letter requested authorization from LMC for a site visit on September 8-9, 2011 to Green River, Dead Horse Point, and Blanding, Utah. The site visit would take the place of the Subcommittee's two meetings previously approved by LMC.

**MOTION:** Speaker Lockhart moved to approve the request of the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environmental Quality Appropriations Subcommittee. The motion passed unanimously.

Sen. Knudson discussed a request from the Government Operations Interim Committee to study land use issues and local government, based on an audit performed by the Office of the Legislative Auditor General.

**MOTION:** Sen. Knudson moved to approve the request for the additional study item for the Government Operations Interim Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Waddoups noted that the Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee will meet in October, instead of September, due to scheduling conflicts with committee members.

## 3. S.B. 2 Litigation Discussion

Mr. Fellows discussed litigation regarding 2008 General Session S.B. 2, "Minimum School Program Budget Amendment."

**MOTION:** Sen. Jenkins moved to direct staff to file an amicus curiae brief on the lawsuit regarding 2008 General Session S.B. 2, "Minimum School Program Budget Amendments." The motion passed with Rep. Seelig voting in opposition.

### 4. Other Items / Adjourn

**MOTION:** Sen. Niederhauser moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Waddoups adjourned the meeting at 1:26 p.m.